

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1) (presently cancelled): ~~A circuit, comprising:~~

- ~~a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;~~
- ~~a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;~~
- ~~a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;~~
- ~~a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;~~
- ~~a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage; and,~~
- ~~a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage.~~

2) (presently cancelled): ~~The circuit of claim 1, wherein the first variable voltage is different from the second variable voltage.~~

3) (presently cancelled): ~~The circuit of claim 1, wherein the first and second transistors operate in a saturation region.~~

4) (presently amended): ~~The circuit of claim 1, wherein the circuit further comprises: A circuit, comprising:~~

- a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;
- a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;
- a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;
- a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage; and,

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage; and,

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage.

5) (original): The circuit of claim 4, wherein the first current approximately equals the fourth current and the third current approximately equals the second current.

6) (presently amended): The circuit of claim ~~4~~1, wherein the first variable voltage and the second variable voltage are obtained from a clock signal.

7) (original): The circuit of claim 6, wherein the clock signal has an amplitude of greater than approximately 400 mv.

8) (original): The circuit of claim 4, wherein the first current, the second current, the third current and the fourth current are used to provide a duty cycle correction signal.

9) (presently amended): ~~The circuit of claim 4,~~ A circuit, comprising:

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage; and,

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage,

wherein the first transistor, the second transistor, the third transistor and the fourth transistor are n-type transistors.

10) (allowed): A circuit, comprising:

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

wherein the first control circuit includes,

a voltage source;

a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;

a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;

a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate; and,

an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node.

11) (allowed/amended): A circuit, comprising:

- a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;
- a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;
- a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;
- a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;
- a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;
- a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage;
- a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;
- a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;
- wherein the first control circuit includes,
 - a voltage source;
 - a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;
 - a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;
 - a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;
 - an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node;
- wherein the second control circuit includes,
 - a ninth transistor coupled to the voltage source;
 - a tenth transistor, coupled to the ninth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first node;

an eleventh transistor coupled to the voltage source; and,
a twelfth transistor, coupled to the eleventh transistor, having a
gate coupled to the second transistor gate.

12) (presently amended): The circuit of claim 114, wherein the circuit is a cross-coupled load
with a built-in current mirrors circuit used in a double data rate receiving circuit for
improving a clock signal.

13) (presently amended): The circuit of claim 114, wherein the circuit is in a memory device.

14) (presently amended): The circuit of claim 114, wherein the circuit is in a memory device
controller.

15) (presently amended): A circuit for correcting a duty cycle of a clock signal, comprising:
a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage representing the clock signal;
a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage representing the clock signal;
a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first
current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate, wherein the first
transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a
second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate, wherein
the second transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node,
capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second
node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the
first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage; and,

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide
the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage, wherein the first variable

voltage is greater than the second variable voltage.

16) (presently cancelled): ~~The circuit of claim 15, wherein the circuit further comprises:~~

~~a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage; and,~~

~~a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage.~~

17) (presently amended): The circuit of claim 15 16, wherein the first current approximately equals the fourth current and the third current approximately equals the second current.

18) (original): The circuit of claim 17, wherein the first current, the second current, the third current and the fourth current are used to provide a duty cycle correction signal.

19) (allowed): A circuit for correcting a duty cycle of a clock signal, comprising:

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage representing the clock signal;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage representing the clock signal;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate, wherein the first transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate, wherein the second transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage, wherein the first variable voltage is greater than the second variable voltage;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

wherein the first control circuit includes:

a voltage source;

a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;

a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;

a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate; and,

an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node.

20) (allowed/amended): A circuit for correcting a duty cycle of a clock signal, comprising:

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage representing the clock signal;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage representing the clock signal;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate, wherein the first transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate, wherein the second transistor is operating in a saturation region;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage, wherein the first variable voltage is greater than the second variable voltage;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

wherein the first control circuit includes:

a voltage source;
a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;
a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;
a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;
an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node;
wherein the second control circuit includes,
a ninth transistor coupled to the voltage source;
a tenth transistor, coupled to the ninth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first node;
an eleventh transistor coupled to the voltage source; and,
a twelfth transistor, coupled to the eleventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second transistor gate.

21) (presently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a transmit circuit capable to transmit serial data; and,
a receive circuit, coupled to the transmit circuit, capable to generate an output signal responsive to the serial data, wherein the receive circuit includes:
a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;
a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;
a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;
a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;
a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;
a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable

voltage;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage; and,

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage.

22) (presently cancelled): ~~The circuit of claim 21, wherein the receiving circuit further comprises:~~

~~a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage; and,~~

~~a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage.~~

23) (presently amended): The circuit of claim 21~~22~~, wherein the first current approximately equals the fourth current and the third current approximately equals the second current.

24) (allowed): An apparatus, comprising:

a transmit circuit capable to transmit serial data; and,

a receive circuit, coupled to the transmit circuit, capable to generate an output signal responsive to the serial data, wherein the receive circuit includes,

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

wherein the first control circuit includes,

a voltage source;

a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;

a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;

a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate; and,

an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node.

25) (allowed/amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a transmit circuit capable to transmit serial data; and,

a receive circuit, coupled to the transmit circuit, capable to generate an output signal responsive to the serial data, wherein the receive circuit includes,

a first node capable to provide a first variable voltage;

a second node capable to provide a second variable voltage;

a first transistor, coupled to the first node, having a first gate capable to provide a first current responsive to a first control voltage being applied to the first gate;

a second transistor, coupled to the second node, having a second gate capable to provide a second current responsive to a second control voltage being applied to the second gate;

a first control circuit, coupled to the first gate and the second node, capable to provide the first control voltage responsive to the second variable voltage;

a second control circuit, coupled to the second gate and the first node, capable to provide the second control voltage responsive to the first variable voltage;

a third transistor, coupled to the first node, having a third gate coupled to the first node, capable to provide a third current responsive to the first variable voltage;

a fourth transistor, coupled to the second node, having a fourth gate coupled to the second node, capable to provide a fourth current responsive to the second variable voltage;

wherein the first control circuit includes,

a voltage source;

a fifth transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;

a sixth transistor, coupled to the fifth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first transistor gate;

a seventh transistor, coupled to the voltage source, having a gate;

an eighth transistor, coupled to the seventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second node;

wherein the second control circuit includes,

a ninth transistor coupled to the voltage source;

a tenth transistor, coupled to the ninth transistor, having a gate coupled to the first node;

an eleventh transistor coupled to the voltage source; and,

a twelfth transistor, coupled to the eleventh transistor, having a gate coupled to the second transistor gate.

26) (presently amended): The apparatus of claim 25 ~~24~~, wherein the transmit circuit is included in a memory controller and the receive circuit is included in a memory device.

27) (presently amended): The apparatus of claim 25 ~~24~~, wherein the receive circuit is a circuit used for improving a clock signal.

28) (previously amended): A method, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a clock signal;
applying a first voltage from the clock signal to a first transistor operating in a saturation region;
applying a second voltage from the clock signal to a second transistor operating in a saturation region;
providing a first current responsive to applying the first voltage to the first transistor; and,
providing a second current responsive to applying the second voltage to the second transistor.

29) (previously amended): The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of:

applying the first voltage to a third transistor operating in a saturation region;
applying the second voltage to a fourth transistor operating in a saturation region;
providing a third current responsive to applying the first voltage to the third transistor;
and,
providing a fourth current responsive to applying the second voltage to the fourth transistor.

30) (original): The method of claim 29, wherein the first current approximately equals the fourth current and the third current approximately equals the second current.

31) (original): The method of claim 28, wherein the first current, the second current, the third current and fourth current are used to provide a duty cycle correction signal.